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*Dr. Louis I. Durbin, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has been an authority on medical care for veterans for many years. Thru the kind permission of the Women's Home Companion we are able to reprint this timely article which appeared in the February 1947 issue . . . Editor.

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Office of the President



Robert H.
Wienecke

Dear Trooper:

I had the good fortune to be present at the inaugural meeting of the Virginia Chapter in Richmond, on February 2nd. Much fun was had by all, particularly your President. The Virginia Chapter is off to a grand start. What is most needed now is *more* state chapters. The Convention is not far off and each state should have their representatives at the national meeting to see that they are properly and adequately represented. Each state representative will form the committees at the convention.

One can't leave the Virginia meeting without reporting that sixty-five reservations were made that day for the convention July 3rd, 4th, and 5th, in Chicago—Make *your* reservation now—You should have seen the unit rivalry at Richmond. I won't tell you which outfit won, but unless you want your gang to be low men on the Totem Pole you'd better write soon.

By the way, are you for Universal Military Training, aid to the blind, free insurance, a bonus for every Airborne Soldier, or having a monument erected in New York City? Any of these can be discussed and promoted at the Convention. Get your pet project to the Secretary without delay, so that the resolution committee can bring them to the floor at the convention.

Where shall we have the next convention? In New York, San Francisco, or Texas? Get your bid in and state your reasons so that it can be voted upon at the convention.

While the convention dominates our attention, I can't close without another plea for names and addresses. While at a recent meeting three men came up to me and said they didn't have their "Saga." Please spread the gospel that for every paid member there is a copy of the book in the warehouse in Atlanta waiting for an address—We need help on the addresses of the next of kin of the boys who lost their lives overseas—If you know of a family, write in to us without delay.

ROBERT H. WIENECKE

President.

ARE YOU COMING

VIRGINIA HOOKS UP

Look at your map, fellows and you'll find a State, not quite as big or barren as Texas nor as rain and wind swept as California, that has been in business since April, 1607, when the Colonists landed at Cape Henry. The country at large has remembered little about Virginia, aside from hams and hospitality, since John Smith had his affair with Pocahontas. On an eventful Sunday (Feb. 2nd), as tremors disturbed the seismographs over the world, troopers met to form the Virginia Chapter and a strong right flank for our friends in the West.

With 167 names and an intensive two months publicity campaign we reached 70 men who traveled to Richmond's John Marshall Hotel to become Charter members of the Chapter. In order to accomplish as much of the business necessary to organize, the meeting was purposely a stag—at least for the most part. There were a number of wives present who were invited to view the movies and were on hand during the bull and beer session before dinner.



Our business meeting was called to order at 3 P.M. We were indeed fortunate in having GENERAL GAVIN and COLONEL WIENECKE, who as well as being our National Association President is also back in the harness with the Division at Fort Bragg, Col. WIENECKE addressed us on the "Chicago Convention," and gave us varied reports on the growth and future of the Association. The General sat with his men and while keeping an ear cocked to our meeting, took time out to greet men he knew and to swap stories. In the hour and one half that we spent on business, we accomplished a great deal towards our final organization.

BILLY WEIL (505th) was elected President, and appointed W. R. KIDD (Hq. Sp. Trps.) of Portsmouth, temporary Secretary, PAUL TENNILLE (504th) was elected as temporary Treasurer. A tentative set of by-laws were dragged over the coals and when amended should be law at our April meeting. A temporary Board of Directors was appointed by the Chair as follows: ART SEWARD (Div. Hq.), ARTHUR CHRISTIAN (505th), and WALLACE JUDD all of Richmond, plus FRANK JENKINS (307 Eng.) of Fredericksburg and GUS CARNEGIE of Norfolk.

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OUR WOUNDED GET GOOD CARE

An Authoritative Opinion by

DR. LOUIS I. DURBIN

For the first time in many years the disabled American veteran is getting good medical care. That is a strong statement from one who has observed, as I have, the medical work of the Veterans Administration for nearly a quarter of a century. I mean it to be strong.

It is a heartening statement too—for me to make and, I'm sure, for you to read. Because while good medical care should always have been available to our veterans, we all know that it has not been.

Even in 1924 when I was appointed to the first medical council of the VA the medical service was already deteriorating. Many of us on the council protested, but in vain.

Personally, I was most interested in the fate of WW I veterans suffering from tuberculosis. About two hundred thousand entered the veterans' hospital for treatment. But the hospitals were not able to hold them; they came and went as they pleased. Lack of good medical care and defects in Veterans' Law which put undue emphasis on financial benefits led many to leave against medical advice, long before their disease was arrested. And it was obvious from reports of the Veterans Administration that very few of those discharged were really well and able to go back to work.

Yet during this same period, the situation was very different in the better public and private hospitals. Standards were rising and an increasingly large percentage of those treated were able after discharge to carry on their previous way of life. But in veterans hospitals lack of control over patients, the absence of any rehabilitation program worthy of the name and lack of leadership—administrative or medical—led to a breakdown of professional morale. Treatment was a failure.

All that has been changed since General Omar N. Bradley took command in August, 1945, and ushered in a new era for the sick and disabled American veteran. His first statements of policy were like an answer to a prayer.

First, he ordered decentralization of the heavy bureaucratic control over veterans' facilities. Control is now centered in thirteen regional offices which have responsibility for the services rendered in their areas.

He then raised the medical establishment to equal rank with other departments, made it easier to hire good men and fire incompetents. Salaries were raised and a system of residencies established to attract young physicians. Equally important, he placed heavy emphasis on research as a normal activity in the hospitals.

Finally, a new policy of building additional veterans' hospitals near established medical centers and of getting the best grade of specialists to act as consultants was adopted.

Then General Bradley called in General Paul R. Hawley to put the measures into effect. General Hawley, who proved his administrative and medical ability in the army under General Eisenhower, in turn surrounded himself with a new group of medical advisers of the highest professional standing.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY GROUND FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA

Mr. Irving Silver
82nd Airborne Division Association
188 West Randolph Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silver:

The attached photograph illustrates an episode in the career of the 82nd Airborne Division, whose service, I am sure, is treasured in memory by the members of your organization. I am happy to present it, matted for framing, with my personal compliments and those of the War Department.

From a wall of the Association's meeting room, the photograph should remind your members of their individual and collective contributions to the successful conclusion of the war. I know they are proud of their service, especially of the Division's first combat in the drop on Sicily; the drop of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment as reinforcements at Salerno and the bitter fighting of the Division at the Salerno beachhead and at Altavilla and Albanella in Italy; the drive that led Allied forces into Naples; the Division's part in the fighting in the Volturno Valley and on the Anzio beachhead; the heralded event of the "D-Day" drop on Normandy; the jump on Holland and the epic battle for the Nijmegen Bridge; helping to stem Von Runstedt's attack during the Battle of the Bulge; the fighting in the Ruhr pocket and the crossing of the Elbe River near Bleckede and finally to accept the surrender of the German 21st Army of 150,000 troops.

It is gratifying to know that the 82nd Airborne Division Association aims at perpetuating in peace the esprit de corps and the camaraderie developed in our citizens' army under conditions of war. Men who served valiantly in war will, I know, continue to serve their country in peace and to maintain their interest in military affairs and in the security of our country.

Sincerely yours,
Jacob L. Devers,
General, U.S.A.
Commanding

ALL-AMERICAN CHRONICLE

The 82nd in Garrison, 1 Nov. 46 — 31 Jan. 47

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES IN GARRISON

Fall sports were in full swing as mid-autumn days rolled around. The 325th Glider Infantry took an early lead in the Division Boxing Tournament as they battled through rugged competition. The glidermen also rolled through all opposition on the gridiron, and appeared to be unstoppable.

All-Americans gave a tremendous boost to the local community chest drive by pledging wholehearted support to the local campaign for funds. The 82nd gained more honors as Company "E," 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment, was presented its second Presidential Unit Citation. The award was presented while the unit was attached to the Task Force Frigid at Ladd Field, Alaska. The 505's valiant service in the Nijmegen operation won the award.

508th P.I.R. Returns

Approximately 2,000 "Red Devils" of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment returned from occupation duty in Frankfurt, Germany, and were welcomed into the Division as they reported for duty during the months of November and December. Members of the deactivated 508th were assigned to various units within the 82nd.

Division Artillery celebrated the 171st anniversary of the beginning of American artillery, 17 November, 1775. Armistice Day saw units of America's Guard of Honor parading in various cities in the south. 1st Bn. of the 505th thrilled the residents of Atlanta, Georgia, while the 1st Bn. of the 325th was showing their stuff to the citizenry of Rockingham, North Carolina. Units from Division Artillery marched in Greensboro and Lexington, North Carolina. The Honor Guard of the 325th travelled to Corinth, Mississippi to participate in Vets Day activities there.



505 Parachute Regiment Parading in Atlanta, Ga., Armistice Day, November 11, 1946

325th Cops Football Crown

The 325th eleven copped the Division crown in a decisive manner by the simple expedient of winning

all its games. The staunch forward wall of the "Herman" eleven allowed only six points to be scored against them all season. Led by stellar halfbacks, JOE ADAMO and AL NOREEN, the 325th football machine marched right through the 87th Ordnance Company, Thanksgiving Day, winning the Post grid championship to the tune of 33-0.

Showing the unfailing generosity of the All-American, the 82nd troopers kicked through with over \$5,000 to support the Cumberland County Community Chest campaign.

The Division Baseball Trophy, won last summer by the 504th, was presented by General GAVIN at the Post Field House on the same night that the 504th and 505th battled it out for the top spot in the Division Boxing Tournament. The lead interchanged until the 504th barely nosed out to take the Division Championship.

Individual and small unit training proceeded through November and December, while many short term enlistees and non-Regular Army men were discharged to return to the rigors of civilian life.

Brazilian General Visits 82nd

General Salvadore Obino, Chief of the Joint General Staff, Brazilian Armed Forces, accompanied by his aides, toured the area on December 18th. The Division Museum, mock-up towers, packing sheds, and equipment packed and ready to be jumped, were also viewed.

Over the holidays, the Division celebrated its first Christmas stateside in four years. Holiday furloughs were numerous and gala parties were given those remaining on the post.

At the Oxford Orphanage 150 children were treated to Christmas gifts made available thru the generous contributions of troopers, and presented by Chaplain REISS.

82nd "parachuting pugilist" walked away with Post Championship by winning 12 out of 13 crowns in the different weight classes. Individual training in military subjects extensive in January as troopers prepared to take MOS qualification test to come in February.

Demonstration teams from 325th and the 307th Engineers presented a static glider demonstration at Pinellas County Fair, Tampa, Florida, 8th January

Division Pin-Up Contest

Officers of the Division were spectators at Pope Field as Airborne Text Board No. 1 demonstrated loading the giant V-74 cargo plane for possible use in airborne operations. *Paraglide*, the Division weekly newspaper, opened a Trooper's Pin-Up Contest with a bang.

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CALIFORNIA (Here I Come)

Hollywood . . . There's hell to pay out here where the mountains run out and the surf comes in!

Although the original mailing, phoning and haranguing to get together was done from a Hollywood address, since then, the chapter has been formed, officers have been elected, and meetings take place on the first Monday of each month.

Our Chairman is WALTER KROENER (505) a fireman with an easy job over in Huntington Park. He gets every other day off. The Vice-Chairman is ROBERT B. NIDY (307 E) of Los Angeles, a construction majordomo who can stretch a bucket of paint farther than a GI contraceptive on a weekend pass. The Secretary-Treasurer is LEONARD ROSEN (505) a dress manufacturer in Los Angeles.

And that's why there's hell to pay.

You see, with me being a state officer and living in Hollywood, I once made the faux pas of referring to our organization as the "Hollywood Chapter."

KROENER has never put out a fire in Hollywood in his life, nor has NIDY painted a house there, nor has ROSEN sold a dress.

So, in the interests of quelling a riot out here, I am instructed to inform you to refer to this group down here where a date may either be a fruit or a femme, as the LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAPTER.



But (see cut), I don't care and neither do my little soothing syrups.

They told me to say the LA boys can't come over and play on our (wine) cellar door!

BARNEY OLDFIELD

member,

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAPTER

DON'T GIVE UP!! DON'T DESPAIR!!!

You haven't been ignored. . . . The correspondence pile is slowly receding. YOUR letter might be next. THANKS FOR YOUR INDULGENCE. . . .

PARAGLIDE ANNOUNCES THE BABIES

We quote from a telegram received from our feathered friend, the Stork, "OH MY ACHIN' AIRBORNE BACK. TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH TROOPERS IS A HARD TASK" . . . We could have told him that a long time ago.

THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL

512 West Pioneer Drive
Glendale 3, California

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

SHARON ANN SIBERT

has satisfactorily completed the prescribed course in Ground Training and Jumping at Pasadena Regional Hospital. She is therefore rated from this date, the sixteenth of June, 1945, 1033 Hrs. as a

QUALIFIED MINIATURE PARACHUTIST.

Herbert D. Sibert
Jump Master

Myrtis Van Fleet Sibert
Jump Mistress

A junior trooper at the home of the JOHN SCHWARTZ's (504), John Jr., born June 25th. BLAIR KING's (325th) of Ursina, Pennsylvania announce the birth of a 9½ pound daughter named Barbara Ellen, born on July 20th.

Sweet as Sugar Candy, is Carol Ann, a daughter of the HENRY BATES' of Jackson Avenue, Hastings on the Hudson. (307 E.)

The FRANK CONWAY's became the proud parents of Pamela Frances on August 30th. (504.)

BOB and I were married November 5th, his birthday, and now we have a beautiful baby girl, Roberta Mae, born October 9th.

The *Paraglide* is certainly a wonderful magazine and we've enjoyed every article in it. When you're in the 82nd family, you can be sure it is something to be proud of.

MRS. R. O. WENGERD
(80th AA)

That statement makes us very happy. . . . Editor It's TWIN DAUGHTERS, Janet and Joan, making it two boys and two girls for the FRANK LE CAUSE's (307 Med.)

The MAX DIBEAN's (505) were presented with a lovely daughter, Martha Jean, on October 5th.

October 10th is the birthday of Harry Jr., son of the HARRY PICKEL's (505).

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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER CHATTER

PA. has twins!! Chapters have been born in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and each is now well past the infancy stage. The two chapters are co-operating closely and hope to bring the rest of the state into the fold.

Thirty members turned out in Pittsburgh on February 5th and elected ANDY WEIL (Div. Arty.) Chairman, LEONARD FUNK (508th) Vice-Chairman, and LOUIS HAUPTFLEISCH (504th) as Secretary. FUNK knocked off almost as many bottles of beer as krauts and the rest of the gang completed mopping up operations. The Pittsburgh Chapter will meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. RALPH CAMBELL won the long distance prize, coming 50 miles for the meeting in spite of the severe storm. The 82nd was represented by a 505er on furlough — complete with all the decorations.

Philadelphia is coming along in fine style. The big holdup has been for a meeting place, but by the time you read this that will have been settled. CHUCK YOUNG (320th), FRANK WESELSKI (320th) and BOB WHITE (320th) are holding forth as officers until an election can be held.

We are getting a swell response to our mailing and if we have overlooked you until now, drop us a line. We want to include every man in the state.

You other state chapters had better watch to your laurels. We expect to have the largest chapter in no time at all.

A. L. WEIL
5387 Northumberland St.
Pittsburgh 17, Pa.

C. A. YOUNG, Jr.
6704 N. 4th St.
Philadelphia 26, Pa.

LEONARD FUNK, who is well-remembered by the troopers of the 508th Parachute Infantry as "Sarge," has the distinction of holding every decoration a field soldier can earn—The Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Truman.

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New York, N. Y.

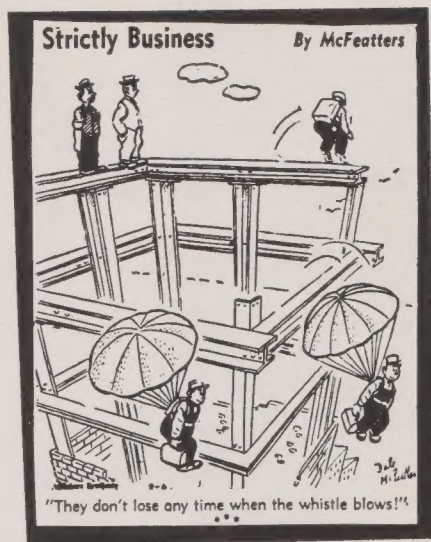
82nd Airborne Div. Assn.

Thanks for sending me a copy of your magazine with my cartoon (JUMP-BOOTS) on the back.

It might be interesting to you to know that I was given a pair of boots by some guys in the 509 Parachute Battalion as a result of this cartoon, when it was printed (Italy). This puts me in the same class as the rest of the non-paratroopers who are wearing the boots illegally.

I still have the damn things.

Sincerely,
BILL MAULDIN



PUBLISHERS SYNDICATE
30 North La Salle
CHICAGO

PARAGLIDE:

Although normally there is a charge for reproduction permission, we are very glad to grant your request gratis.

This is the first chance I have had to be of any service to the 82nd Airborne Association of which I am very proud to be a member.

Glider Pilot
441st T.C. Group
100 T.C. Sqdrn.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK L. PERLEY
Promotion Editor

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Parachute Panties Please Piccadilly

London: . . . Sudden release of nylon parachutes from surplus British government stocks has caused a rush of blushing brides-to-be who contemplate making the 18 panel chute into all things a young bride should wear.

The 30 yards of superfine material is enough to make a bridal gown, two complete sets of
. and two nightgowns, all for \$5.00.

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Rough and Tough

Belgium: . . . Who started that rumor that paratroopers were rough, tough guys that always mess up the neighborhood? "Mama Marie," who quartered 36 of these "butchers with big pockets" in her Belgian home wrote their commanding officer praising their behavior . . . "I take respectful liberty to present my felicitations for the 36 airborne soldiers who have been in my home," she wrote. "They have been honest and very correct. I am always ready to receive them again."



● *Plan Now to Attend the* **1st Annual Convention of the** **82nd Airborne Division** **Association...**

A BIG THREE DAY PROGRAM

On the "take-off" we'll have a reception and dance, complete with some of Chicago's pleasant beauties. A luncheon on the 4th with an evening under the stars, entertained by the stars of stage, screen and radio. The afternoon of the 5th will be a big day at Riverview, Chicago's largest private amusement park. Then in the evening a farewell dinner-dance and jamboree floorshow.

Together with meetings of importance to all Airborne veterans this program promises to be a full three days of information and pleasure for all.

All this and more is included in the registration fee of \$20.00 for men, and \$10.00 for women.

JULY 3, 4, 5, 1947
STEVENS HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

If you have received
another convention circular,
please do not duplicate your reservation.

**Mail this Card Now
FOR RESERVATION**

**MAIL THIS CARD
FOR RESERVATIONS**

Hotel accommodations will be secured at the most reasonable cost available. Rates are approximately \$4.50 per day, per individual, to be paid to the hotel upon departure. This is not inclusive in the convention registration fee.

TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE — 82nd A/B DIV. ASS'N., INC.
188 W. Randolph Street, Chicago 1, Illinois

Enclosed is \$_____, Pre-Registration fee. (Registration fee for men \$20.00, for women \$10.00) Half the registration fee is required to be sent with this blank and the other half to be paid upon arrival at the convention.

Please arrange hotel accommodations for _____.

Rates are approximately \$4.50 per day, per individual.

If you will not require hotel accommodations please check here _____.

Arriving July _____, 1947.

Departing July 6, 1947.

Names (s) _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Former Unit _____

NOTE: The entire Registration Fee can be paid now, if you so desire.
If you register for more than two persons use additional sheets.

ARE YOU COMING

HERE and THERE

E. P. WARD, (E 505) is a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, working out of Wellsville, Ohio.

JOHN McKEE, (A 325) is now operating, very successfully, a seaplane base on the Ohio River at East Liverpool, Ohio.

PAUL VOGEL, (Hq. 3rd 325) a construction engineer is now in the theatre business. In his spare time he is Commander of the local VFW post, Senior Vice Commander of the County and Chief of Staff of the State Department.

What spare time?—Editor

Lt. PAUL DAVIS and Lt. NICK MARTINEZ, formerly of 3rd Battalion 325th, have both been transferred to Camp Lee, Va., where they are instructors in the Physical Training and Athletic Directors School.

EDWARD KOSANKE, (325) is co-owner of a restaurant on Highway 30, across from the Waukesha airport. (*Rumor has it that they serve some excellent food and some smooth chatter.*)

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Fresno, Cal. When you go to this grape squeezing country, check in at the Bamboo Room bar of the Hotel California.

The reason:

Former Sgt. MAXWELL 'DANNY' NICHOLS, former 505er, is the barkeep. He'll have you swearing your legs were cut off at the knees in an hour.



Robert Ralston, Ed Wynne and Ralph Lee

A German war criminal, Ludwig Ramdohr, who was arrested in May 1944, at Boizenburg, by ROBERT RALSTON and RALPH LEE, CID agents, was convicted on February 2, 1946 by a British Military Court in Hamburg and sentenced to death. Ramdohr, notorious Nazi Criminal, was assistant police commissioner in Ravensbrueck Concentration Camp for women, where over 8000 women were put to death by the most atrocious means.

After the arrest of the Nazi, he was thoroughly interrogated by EDWARD WYNNE and MANFRED STEINFELD, interpreters of the G-2 section. These men were able to obtain a confession from this criminal after confronting him with sufficient evidence of his crimes, obtained from former Concentration Camp inmates.

SAGA OF THE ALL-AMERICAN

MAXWELL S. TAYLOR—Major General, Superintendent, United States Military Academy.

"It is a magnificent volume and one of which every ALL-AMERICAN soldier has a right to be proud."

*

PAUL L. WILLIAMS—Major General, Commanding, Ninth Air Force, TCC

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate and value this fine history of the greatest division of our American Army."

Editor's Note — Thanks to the T.C.C.!

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LAURIS NORSTAD—Major General, O.P.D., W.D.

"It is not only the best one of its kind that I have seen, but to me it also has added interest of being the record of a great fighting division."

*

GEORGE E. DUNCAN—Major General (Retired) 82nd Division, WW I

"It is the most interesting compilation I have ever seen."

*

CARL SPAATZ—General Army Air Forces

"In reading this fine portrayal of the great work done by the 82nd Airborne Division. I am once again reminded of the tremendous capabilities of our fighting team."

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ROBERT W. HASBROUCH—Major General, AGF (7th Armored Division)

"I am particularly interested in the section devoted to the Bulge. Those were rugged days during which all ranks of the 7th Armored conceived not only a great admiration but also a great affection for the 82nd Airborne."

Editor's Note — Vice versa, General!

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FLOYD L. PARKS—Major General, AGF (Berlin District Commander)

"It was fascinating."

Need we say more? — Editor

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"POPOVERS"

February 2nd was a big day for the FRANK TELLERINES of Miami Beach, Florida, when they welcomed the birth of Frank Benedict Junior. The proud pop, better known as "Tangerine" is taking bookings on dates for Junior. Talked with Tange on a recent stopover in Miami while en route home from California. Could be that Tange and family will return to New York to raise Junior.

Ever hear about the lowly P-V-T whose one ambition was to some day boss his Plat. Sgt.? Strange as it seems, the table has turned — Pvt. JOHNNY MONGAK has S/Sgt. BOB SHAT-RAU working for him. With these two guys together you can be sure there's very little work produced.

Right along it's been nothing but cries from the nursery or the musical strains of the Wedding March for members of the Hq. & Hq. Co. The latest felicitations are parachuted to ED "CHERRY" FLYNN, who took as his bride Miss JULIE A. FORSYTHE. Both bride and groom are from Syracuse, New York. And from the West wedding bells have chimed for ORVIN LINVILLE, Sacramento, California, and KENNY HEIDENREICH, of Boise, Idaho.

If you happen to be in Downtown Philly, (*the ancient city of gas lights as one guy called our City of Brotherly Love*) look into one of the many dime stores that parallel Market St. There you'll find SEYMOUR SACKS (Serv. Co.) giving out with some chatter on foot trouble. He's coining in the greenbacks too.

Looking in on Hq. & Hq. Co. at Fort Bragg you'll find a number of old timers. There's Sgt. MONNIE SANDERS holding down one of the Demolition Squads, Pfc. MARION MILLER, boss man of Supply, and Pvt. CHICK FERGIE his able assistant. Understand Chick had to take a two week leave of absence to be in Kearny, New Jersey for the arrival of the stork . . . Could be that at this writing DON BURNELL has turned to khaki again. No telling how many more will re-enlist so we'll keep this section open.

Out of breath about here, so till next time — Keep Happy
(Hq. 505)

JOHN GALLO
"The Gas Light Kid"

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ELDRIDGE, affectionately known to his fellow troopers as "Jimmy," died at Gastonia, N.C., as a result of a gunshot wound in the abdomen, February 11th.

Jimmy, professional boxer and highly decorated war hero, served with the 504th Parachute Regiment.

The members of this Association, and his many friends, extend to his wife Thelma and family their sincerest sympathy.

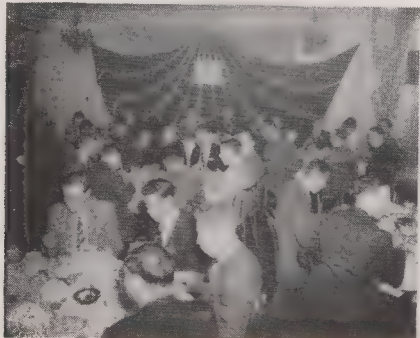
VIRGINIA HOOKS UP

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The next, and in our opinion, very important step was to set up local state groups. It was decided to have four initially and until further organized would be directed by: ART CHRISTIAN, 2022 Fenton St., Richmond; JOSEPH BELL (505th), 121 W. 28th St., Norfolk for the Tidewater area; JAMES V. RODIER (505th) of Vienna for the Alexandria area and RUSSEL LOONEY (504th) of Newcastle for the Roanoke group. All Virginia troopers as well as those living in Washington, D.C. and in neighboring states where no local group is present, are urged to contact either me or the nearest local group leader so that we may place your name on our mailing list.

You are all cordially invited to attend our meeting to be held on or about April 6, in Richmond. LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!!

Our business meeting was followed by a showing of 'The True Glory' and the '82nd March in New York.'



Immediately before dinner by motion and acclaim GENERAL GAVIN and COLONEL WIENECKE were elected our first honorary members. We introduced an old Trooper Traditional Ceremony to the Association by prop-blasting the both of them into the Chapter. The General gave a short impressive talk after dinner touching mainly on the activities of the peace time Division and plans for a campaign to help rebuild part of the University of Nijmegen which was gutted by the Germans prior to our Holland Mission.



Our meeting adjourned after dinner and we feel that the spirit and sincere cooperation of all present insures us of a strong chapter.

BILLY WEIL, President
9 Pelham Place
Norfolk, Virginia

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AN AUTHORITATIVE OPINION

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Changes were quick and significant. In less than eighteen months more than three thousand physicians, four thousand nurses and four hundred medical social workers have been appointed. The physicians, many of them, are young men released from the medical corps of the army and navy, with good medical backgrounds and an intimate knowledge of the veteran.

General Hawley has also set up a program with the help of the National Research Council to study the needs and progress of the patients both in the hospitals and after they are discharged. I have watched this development with the greatest enthusiasm. We shall now be able to follow particularly the tuberculosis and mental cases to see whether they have really been rehabilitated. This is a far cry from the situation under the old dispensation.

I have rehearsed the past history of the veterans' medical service not to wash old linen in public, but rather to point a moral. The service is too valuable, too near the heart of the American people, to be allowed to lapse into mediocrity. But it is very easy for even a good medical service to become routinized and then indifferent. Nothing is too good for the veterans in the beginning. But standards slip as the years pass—particularly if public interest wanes and political fixers move in without protest.

That is what happened after the last war. Our best medical minds made ambitious plans for the care of the disabled veteran. But before the plans could be put into effect, the political opportunists moved in. Before long the Veterans Administration was deeply involved in the spoils system.

No such tragedy must be permitted to occur again. We must keep the Veterans Administration out of politics. We must be alert to see that today's progress does not falter. It is vital on two counts.

If the Veterans Administration is properly administered, our injured and sick veterans will not be just lifelong dependents on Uncle Sam's benevolence. They will find their place as self-dependent and creative citizens.

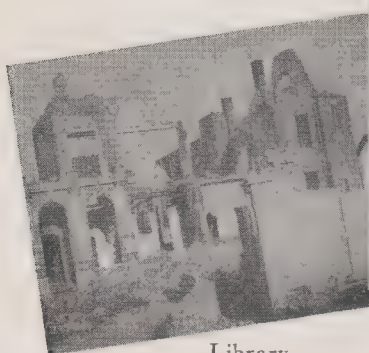
And the medical service, largest in the world, can also go forward to contribute greatly to the advancement of medicine generally. It can solve many problems, raise standards all along the line.

It is up to us to see that the new set-up is permitted to continue with ample funds and without political or other outside interference. The stakes are high, not only for the disabled veteran, but for all of us.

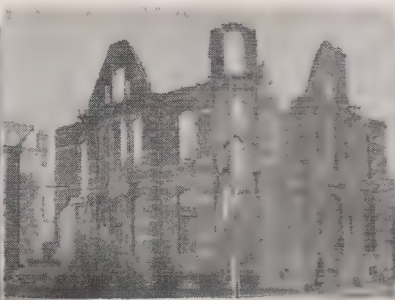
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MOVING TROOPER? ? ? Be certain to send us both your old and new address, so we can correct our files.

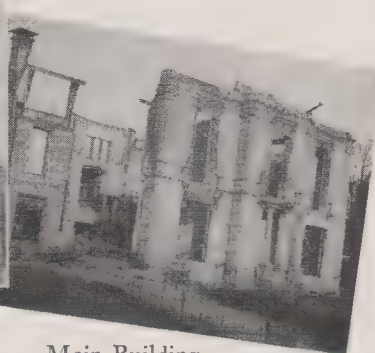
THE UNIVERSITY OF NIJMEGEN



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Psychological Institute



Main Building

A GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

I was serving as a Chaplain in the Netherlands Army when on September 17th, 1944, we heard that parachutists were dropping near Nijmegen.

Nijmegen was my home town. I had lived there till the war broke out. So I listened eagerly, feeling that I was almost there myself on that great day of deliverance.

First we learned that the Americans were participating in the attack. Then that the 82nd Airborne Division was there. I could almost see them in my mind, dropping into the triangle between Wijchen, Sionshof at Groesbeek-scheweg, and the outskirts of the city.

For several years my homefolk had been living under the Nazi heel, in continuous fear of death or deportation. So we thought, my comrades and I, as we listened to the terse radio, what a great and wonderful climax they must be enduring . . . and how happy they must be.

And we were humbly grateful to the Americans of the 82nd Airborne who delivered our people from bondage. It was a great victory for them, a victory hundreds of them died to win.

I shall always remember what a war reporter wrote of that battle for Nijmegen: *"A single isolated battle that ranks in significance and courage with Guam and Tarawa and Omaha Beach . . . a story which should be narrated by the sound of clarions and the roaring of drums."*

Occupation was no stranger to Nijmegen. Once, back in Roman times, the invader had his camp just outside the city gates. At the place near Hengstdal now called de Kopsche Hof. I include all our Dutch names in case some who read this will recall that they once were there, too.

That time our people were able to free themselves. In 69 AD, Claudius Civilis led them to victory and put his name in our archives of heroes. Now it has been joined by the names of General Gavin and the 82nd, to be forever a byword among our people.

Today many people of Nijmegen go the Molenhoek to stand or kneel among the graves marked with the white crosses and stars. Many families have adopted graves and bring flowers to honor their deliverers. There are 900 graves there, 800 of them of the heroes of the 82nd.

What this generation has seen will be told by father to son for many generations. How the Americans came out of the sky to fight and die for Nijmegen's freedom. Surely no saviors effected so heroic and dramatic a res-

cue. In their wonder and happiness . . . and in their poverty and hardship, our people of Nijmegen were able to do little more than to welcome the 82nd. I am sure they found freedom hard to believe. I am sure they looked at you with awe as they might at angels from the sky.

Possibly some of you will recall the University of Nijmegen, the symbol, to us, of the culture and freedom of our ancient city. There was not much of it left to remember. As a last act of revenge for the resistance the Germans tried to destroy it. When you came three quarters of its buildings lay in ruins. The enemy left the University a heap of rubble. Only the Minor Aula was saved, and a part of the main library.

Even this material damage was not all. It was only the start — or rather, only the end of a campaign aimed at destruction. Three of the University's professors, out of nine sent to concentration camps, died. Many, many students were deported for slave labor. The President of the Student organization, Van Hoevel, was murdered.

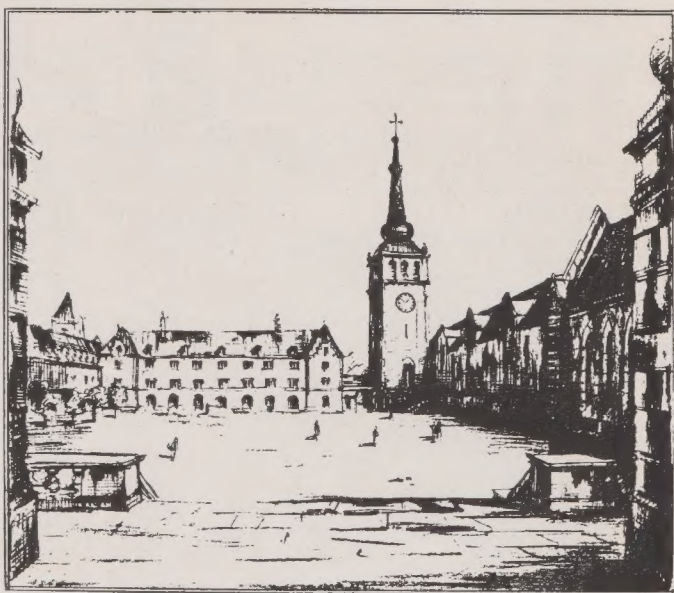
There was one thing which they were never able to kill, destroy or damage. That was the hope, the courage and stubbornness of those who want to have this University carry on its educational task to form the leaders of our future generations. So they have started again. In private homes, in cellars and in attics the professors have been holding their classes with utter disregard for all comfort. But this cannot go on forever. They are trying hard to rebuild this University and even to rebuild it better than it was before. They are thinking of building it according to a campus plan as they know how successfully this system works in the New World.

Rebuilding this University anew, their first thought went out to their liberators. The Board of the University as you may read elsewhere decided to link their new University with the name of the 82nd Airborne Division and to perpetuate the name of all its members who are buried in its vicinity.

It is a great consolation to see the American soldier stand by the City of his honor, stretching out his hand over the ruins to his friends over there and pulling them out of the depths from which they cannot rise alone. I salute the heroic 82nd Airborne Division Association for having taken the initiative to bring about this other victory; the victory of culture over barbarism, the rebuilding of the University of Nijmegen.

Major Peter Mommersteeg
Chaplain, Netherland Army

**THE
PROPOSED
UNIVERSITY
OF
NIJMEGEN**



Raphael Hume, Architect

Rectoraat Der R. K. University of Nijmegen
Nijmegen, January 22

Maj. Gen. J. M. Gavin, U.S.A.
Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Dear General Gavin:

We have not forgotten the great debt which the University and the City of Nijmegen owes the men of the heroic 82nd Airborne Division.

Free again, we resume under great handicaps. Three quarters of our University is twisted beams and heaped rubble. Building materials, never plentiful in Holland, are more costly than they are in many other parts of the world.

Despite these barriers of destruction and construction, our work must go on. We feel that we cannot stand by and permit ruins to bar the work of education or the lack of material things halt the effort to bring once again Christian education and Christian values to an eager youth.

As an appreciation of the sacrifices made by the American people, the valiant "82nd" and those who gave their lives that we might live, we are dedicating one of the first new University buildings that will be erected to the 82nd Airborne. The dedication will be displayed on a bronze plaque made of metal from the guns which opened the gates of liberty. It will carry also the names of the heroic dead of the 82nd Airborne Division who died to free our City.

May we ask you, dear General Gavin, to consider this proposal and to invite your 82nd Airborne Division and its Association to accept the token of appreciation which we are able to offer you.

Sincerely,

M. W. MULDER
Rector Magnificus

"As the present Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, I can assure you that your kindness touches us deeply. It will be a great honor to have the deeds of the Division perpetuated in the living University which will again rise on the site of the old at Nijmegen. A more fitting memorial could not have been created. To those of us who fought there in order that the hordes of Nazism and paganism would be driven from the sacred soil of the Netherlands, it seems most fitting and appropriate that the monument to our honored dead would be an institution of learning where the ideals of Christianity and tolerance would be taught to coming generations. We are touched and moved by your kindness and hope that in a way our accomplishments were worthy of the consideration you are now giving them."

JAMES M. GAVIN
Major General, USA

"Without exception, every member of the Division who fought in Holland is appreciative of the sacrifices made by the brave people of the Netherlands. Our collective memories clearly depict a nation of self sacrificing individuals, each contributing his share in defeating the enemy. Many gave their lives in helping the Division during the days it fought in your country. To those who died, we pay special homage. To the survivors, we hope to give enthusiastic help in rebuilding their University dedicated to educating the young people of your country in the values of Christianity."

ROBERT H. WIENECKE
President

ON JULY 3, 4, 5, 1947

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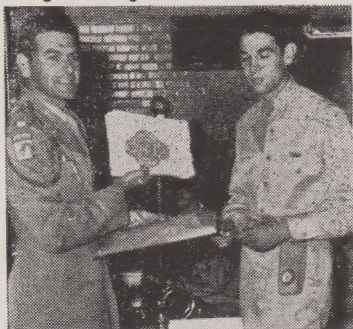
THE EIGHTY-SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION

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Easy Money



One way to win \$200 is to win first prize in a contest. Pfc. Eusebio Duran of 456 PFA demonstrated his skill and walked away with the money. Lt. Col. Zala shows the winning design.

Duran Cops First Prize

A board of non-coms from all the major units of the Division met with Major Higgins and Special Troops last week to determine the winner of the Ring Design Contest announced in the "PARAGLIDE" several weeks ago. Over 150 designs were submitted to the judges and from that number, four were chosen to be sent to the manufacturer for his approval. Winner of the \$200 1st Prize was Pfc. Ruben Duran, Divarty artist who did such a splendid job on the Artillery sign. Pfc. Duran is in the Hq. Btry. of the 456th Probt. FA Bn.

Second Prize of \$100 went to Cpl. Garrett Hotelling of the 305

Reg. Hq., and the \$50 third, and fourth prizes went to Pvt. Wegener and Chester Silverborn of, respectively, Hq. Co. and D Co. in the 504 PIR.

Judges for the contest were Maj. Sgt. Lee Southerland, 2nd Signal Co.; 1st Sgt. Wilbur Collier, 2nd Bn. Hq. 505; T-Sgt. Allen Money, 3rd Bn. Hq. 325; 1st Sgt. William Bullington, Hq. Btry. Divarty; 1st Sgt. Samuel Mesdora, Btry. C 80th AA; S-Sgt. Charles Cooper, 3rd Bn. Hq. 504 and 1st Sgt. Bob Retzel, Co. A 307 Engineers.

Details as to the price of the ring and where it can be bought will be printed in the "PARAGLIDE" as soon as they are available.

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Here's Airborne News . . .

Since the Division returned to the states, letters have poured into Headquarters requesting a special 82nd Airborne ring that would not only be a lifetime souvenir but something that could be easily recognized at a glance by men who had fought together . . . and by those who bumped into the 82nd along the way.

During the summer months of 1946, a ring design contest was featured among men of the 82nd and several hundred designs and ideas were submitted. Prizes were offered and a board of officers and non-com's went into a huddle for several days to choose the new 82nd Airborne ring. The winning designs were turned over to a reliable ring manufacturer for production.

The sale of these rings is controlled. Not just anyone can walk into an army supply store and purchase one. His name must appear or have appeared on the 82nd Airborne roster. Sales at Fort Bragg are being handled through the supervision of the Division Special Service Officer. Ex-troopers and members of the Association may purchase the ring direct from the manufacturer by using the order form on the last page of this issue.

The Association from time to time receives requests for information from relatives and friends regarding persons who are either KIA or MIA. The assistance we can offer these people, is to contact anyone who might have known these persons.

Please write, if you can offer some information regarding these men. Send your letter with the individual's name on it to this office and we will forward it without delay to the person making the request.

Information relative to

Requested by

Pfc. Arthur Houser Co. G, 505 P.I.
Pvt. Ernest Ariasi Co. G, 505 P. I.
Pvt. James Nichlos Co. B, 505 P. I.
Pfc. William Jarvis Jr. Co. F, 325 G. I.
Pvt. Milton Goldstein Co. E, 325 G. I.
Pfc. Andy Hefner Hq. Co., 325 G. I.
Pvt. Percy Altman Co. F., 505 G. I.
1st Lt. Carroll Willis Hq. Btry., 456 P. F. A.
Jerome Neuman Co. H, 507 P. I.
Lawrence Dunn Hq. Co., 508 P. I.
Lt. Turner B. Turnbull Co. D, 505 P. I.
Philip Trexler 507 P. I.

Mrs. Lottie Houser Wife
Mrs. Joe Arasi Mother
Mrs. Irene Nichlos Mother
Miss Dorothy Jarvis Sister
Mrs. Anna Goldstein Mother
Fred Hefner Brother
Mrs. Virginia Talmage Sister
Mrs. A. H. Willis Mother
Meyer Neuman Father
Mrs. Flora Dunn Mother
Walter Turnbull Brother
S. E. Mickleson Friend

ALL-AMERICAN CHRONICLE

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The contest, now in full swing, is evidenced by the scores of pictures of trooper's wives, sweethearts, and "just friends" being submitted weekly.



82nd Troopers hitting the door (C-82) in a training jump over the new Division "DZ."

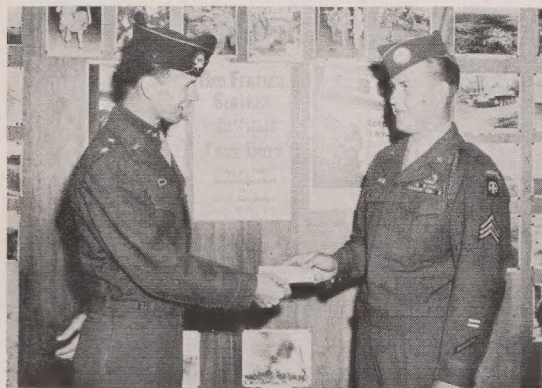
82nd Boxer Honored In Fight Tourney

LELAND PILLEN, 325th boxer extraordinary, was voted most outstanding fighter in the recent Seventh Army Tournament, and was presented the trophy by GENERAL GAVIN. The 82nd fighters won the fracas by virtue of taking 6 of the 8 bouts in the finals.

A former Red Cross worker who served overseas with the 82nd, Mrs. ROBERT M. PIPER, wife of Major PIPER, Division I & E officer, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. The award was presented by GENERAL GAVIN, January 14th.

At the present time, the 504th and the 505th are neck and neck in the race for top honors in the division basketball play. Both teams are undefeated in the league play.

As January draws to a close, funds are still pouring in from troopers contributing to the March of Dimes campaign.



Sgt. JOHN WEHMEIER, Div. Hq. Co., presents GENERAL GAVIN with the first check donation that started the ball rolling in the Division Community Chest Drive.

PARAGLIDE ANNOUNCES
THE BABIES

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The proud HARRY DAUER'S (505) became parents on November 7th, a son Harry Joseph.

A large blue bundle dropped on the PETER HAARTIKAINEN's (504) of Iron Mountain, Michigan. *Pete would like to hear from Chaplain Kuehl (504).*

It's a boy, beam the WILLIAM TYSON'S (505). He arrived on December 14 and is named William Kenneth.

My name is Geraldine Ann. I arrived on December 19th, and I weighed 6 pounds 5½ ounces. My folks are ROBERT and JUDY DISKIN (82nd Sig. Co.)

It was a Christmas present for Captain and Mrs. CHARLES MASON of Division Headquarters, a 7 pound 9 ounce boy named Charles Johannes. (Mrs. Mason was a Dutch nurse who worked with the Medical Company in Holland.)

The JOHN MALAK's became the proud parents of Suzanne Dorothy, born on January 7th. (Med. Det. 325).

It's a fighting Irishman, stated his father, FRANCIS O'BRIEN (307 E.). *(O'Brien married a lovely Irish lassie from Coleraine, N. Ireland.)*

Elated parents, WAYNE PIERCE's (C 325) of Mount Morris, Illinois, announce the arrival of a son—Terry Wayne.

Happy parents, the ARTHUR ALTIER's (307 E), announce the arrival of a bundle from heaven, Ann Marie.

"It's so red", IRVING SILVER (504), said to his wife Pauline on January 17th, when she showed him their 9 pound 4 ounce daughter, Lynn Bari.

9½ pound boy glided in at the LEO WELCH's (A 80th AA). Gary Lynn was born on January 30th.

The GLENDOR WELLS' (319th G/F.A.) became the proud parents of a baby boy, Dennis Marlowe, on January 31st.

"I'm here", Leslie Jean said when she arrived on February 1st, and the elated parents ALBERT BLACKMAN's (320 G.F.A.) said, "We're glad you are!!"

A pink parachute descended on the ALBERT LINDNER's (80 AA), filled with Adele Lee, on Feb. 18.

Don Monger Appointed Director

On January 2, 1947, DON MONGER was elected to the office of Director, 82nd Airborne Division Association, Incorporated.

During his service in the 82nd, he held the position of Survey Officer and later became Intelligence Officer of the 320th F. A.

When he was discharged from the service he resumed his civilian occupation as Assistant Mechanical Engineer, with the Merchants Dispatch Transportation Corp, a railroad refrigerator car line with offices in Chicago.

His G.I. pup-tent now stands at 645 Driscoll Court, Highland Park, Illinois.

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